

This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.

211249Z Sep 04

C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 002402

SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: DECL: 09/22/2014

TAGS: [PREF](#) [PREL](#) [AORC](#) [NL](#)

SUBJECT: JAPAN'S CANDIDATE FOR UNRWA COMMISSIONER GENERAL

REF: SECSTATE 202615

Classified By: Political Counselor Andrew Schofer for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) The Netherlands (in their national capacity, not as EU President) shares USG concerns about Japanese candidate Takashima's lack of credentials for UNRWA (reftel) but is not aware of any alternative candidates for the position, according to Marwienke Tillema, Senior Policy Officer at the MFA's UN Department. Tillema told Poloff on September 21 that the Dutch had also heard the as-yet-unsubstantiated rumor that Hansen might extend for an additional year.

[1](#)2. (C) Tillema agreed to explore the issue further with EU colleagues. To flush out possible qualified candidates, she will try to get the UNRWA succession issue on the agenda of September's upcoming CONUN working group meeting in Brussels. If the agenda for that meeting is already too full to allow such a discussion, she said she would put it on the October CONUN agenda. She promised to keep us informed as discussions on this topic progress in EU councils.
SOBEL